

May 13, 1977

LR 112
LB 545, 5-7

CLERK: Senator Merz voting aye. Senator George voting aye. Senator Barnett voting aye. Senator Koch voting aye. Senator Moylan voting aye. Senator Kahle voting aye. Senator Mills voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Frank Lewis moves the Call be raised. Record your vote on that matter. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 2 nays.

PRESIDENT: Call is raised. Report the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays.

PRESIDENT: That carried, Senator Warner.

CLERK: There are no further amendments on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I move that LB 545 be advanced. As I've indicated it adjusts the state's proportionate share for health insurance to comply with the new bids for the next twelve months. We were notified about two or three weeks ago.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays. (LR 112 referred to Exec Board).

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Read title to LB 547. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 547 be advanced to E & R initial. This is the appropriation deficiency of \$345,000 requested by the Department of Administrative Services. You recall that starting in 1974 money was appropriated for the development and establishment of the Nebraska Employees Information System. As I recall, the estimated cost at that time was to be around...or we had put in around \$1½ million in that total operation. We were informed on April 25th, by the Director, that there had been an overrun in that cost. They were now estimating it to be an initial \$345,000 necessary to complete it. I guess the position we are in is having invested \$1½ million to this system, it is probably a necessity and no choice but to appropriate this additional cost. I passed out to you this morning several sheets, all of which were submitted to us by the Department of Administrative Services explaining why they feel this came about. I assume that most of you have an opportunity to have read the summary of why this is necessary. It does include two or three things. Some of the things...the initial runs were more expensive than had been anticipated. Apparently one time both the University and the state employees were to be within a single system. That was not resolved. So a portion of the cost, apparently, can be credited to that. At one time the Committee considered the possibility of attempting to fund this out of some kind of a revolving fund, charging it back to agencies. But then we discounted that alternative because we knew that many agencies were very tightly budgeted, probably it would be more than they ought to bear. It